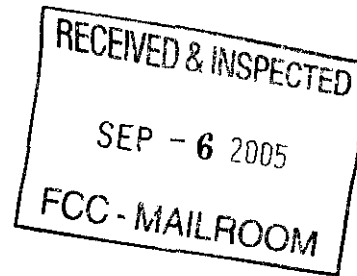


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Re: The FCC proposal to remove the code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes

First, let me say that I was first licensed as W3NGO in 1947. Prior to that, I was in the Merchant Marine as ship radio officer (1945-1948) where I operated nothing but morse code. Likewise, when I became an amateur radio operator I continued to operate only morse code, and at the present time I am active on the National Traffic Service as NCS on the Western Pennsylvania section net and on the Third Region traffic net, all morse code

I thought as many do, that CW was going to fall by the wayside because of all the newer higher tech communications. I kept hearing many operators on the bands and then I ran across the FISTS CW Club and was overwhelmed at the interest in morse code.... My microphone has not been off the shelf for a few years.

I can understand that amateur radio has been found somewhat less interesting for most young people because of the computers today, but we are still a growing hobby. Don't let these few people who want to be a "ham" by more or less just applying for it. Don't let it end up as one big CB hobby. We morse operators are proud that we are who we are; don't take it away from us.

Thank you for reading my comments on morse code. Sincerely,

Richard B. Quiggle W3NGO

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